

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon re-checking previously submitted claim 9, Applicants noticed some lack of precision in the claim language, which has been corrected with the amendments above. According to the original claim 1, at least one compound to be separated is entrapped into the aqueous phase through formation of at least one inclusion complex. Therefore, said at least one inclusion complex, when formed, is not contained in oil droplets formed from the first organic phase, but contained in the aqueous phase. Those oil droplets comprise the raw material, though decreased in amount, even after part of the compound to be separated is entrapped, or migrated, into the aqueous phase. Applicants believe this has been made clear with the amendments above, which, therefore, are not believed to introduce new matter, or to require anything other than a cursory review by the Examiner. The amendments were not presented earlier because the imprecision in claim 9 was just noted. Since this is the first paper filed since claim 9 was first submitted, obviously this amendment could not be presented earlier.

Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a bona fide response to all outstanding objections and rejections.

Applicants also believe that this application is in condition for immediate allowance. However, should any issue(s) of a minor nature remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to

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telephone the undersigned at telephone number (212) 808-0700 so that the issue(s) might be promptly resolved.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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